



State of California—Health and Human Services Agency
Department of Health Services



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TO: INTERESTED PERSONS AND ORGANIZATIONS

SUBJECT: COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS REGARDING POTENTIAL
COORDINATED CARE MANAGEMENT PROJECT

The California Department of Health Services (CDHS) would like to receive your input regarding a potential Coordinated Care Management (CCM) Project. CDHS would like to know the perceived barriers and suggested improvements to providing comprehensive care coordination for two populations enrolled in the fee-for-service (FFS) Medi-Cal program who are **not** eligible for Medicare: (1) Seniors and Persons with Disabilities (SPDs) who have chronic conditions, or who may be seriously ill and near end of life; and (2) persons with chronic conditions(s) and Serious Mental Illnesses (SMIs).

Your input is important. Therefore, please submit your written comments and/or suggestions via e-mail to OMCPRFP7@dhs.ca.gov, by June 29, 2007.

The Budget Act of 2006 included approval to establish and implement the CCM Project. This project will allow CDHS an opportunity to test the efficacy of providing CCM services to the SPD and SMI populations in three to four counties. CDHS will be soliciting applications from public or private entities to provide CCM services to these two populations. The procurement will be open to all eligible firms and/or individuals that meet the qualification requirements, including commercial businesses, non profit organizations, State or public universities (including auxiliary organizations), and other entities. CDHS intends to contract with one or more provider organizations to implement the CCM Project.

The expected outcomes of the CCM Project include enhanced access to primary care and coordination of care across the continuum of care providers resulting in a reduction in emergency room visits, acute care hospitalizations, and misuse of tertiary healthcare systems. These outcomes suggest an improvement in the health and well-being of the beneficiaries and possible cost savings for the State.

CDHS recognizes that not all parties are interested in continuing to receive information concerning this program. In addition, printing and mailing information to all interested parties on the mailing list is costly to CDHS. Therefore, please be advised that CDHS will only provide further information concerning this program to interested parties who have provided a Request for Inclusion on Mailing List form (copy attached).

It is incumbent upon an interested party who has not submitted a Request for Inclusion on Mailing List form to monitor the Office of Medi-Cal Procurement website at <http://www.dhs.ca.gov/omcp> for information and updates on the CCM Project.

Sincerely,

Original signed by *Stan Rosenstein*

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Enclosure